GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1332
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UNIFORMITY IN SALES TAX
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of LPG (Cooking gas), diesel, kerosene oil,petrol and several other items including electrical, electronic and photographic goods have gone up with increase in sales tax in the process of bringing about uniformity in Sales Tax regime; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and its overall impact on the prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : Sir, In a Conference of the Chief Ministers/Finance Ministers of States & Union Territories held on 16th November, 1999jt was decided by consensus that uniform floor rates of sales tax will be adopted by all the States/Union Territories with effect from 1.1.2000.

Since sales-tax is a State subject, the actual rates of sales tax vary from State to State.Accordingly, due to implementation of the decision regarding uniform floor rates, prices of some of the commodities have either increased or decreased.